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SUBJ: CCP GREETINGS TO MCP: PRC RESPONSE

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B) KL A-66, 5/22/75

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: PRC EMBASSY HERE HAS INFORMED GOM THAT PEKING SEES CCP GREETINGS TO MALAYSIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (MCP) ON OCCASION OF ITS 45TH ANNIVERSARY AS NORMAL FRATERNAL ACT, AND HAS OFFERED NO APOLOGY FOR MESSAGE. GOM IN TURN RESPONDED THAT IT DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED BY PRC ATTITUDE, THAT PM RAZAK HAD BEEN PERSONALLY EMBARRASSED BY MESSAGE, AND THAT REPETITION OF INCIDENT WOULD DAMAGE DEVELOPMENT OF PRC-GOM RELATIONS. REPORTEDLY, PRC AMBASSADOR HAS STATED THAT HE WAS SURPRISED BY STRENGTH
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OF CCP GREETINGS. GOM'S PUBLIC RETICENCE HAS MADE IT APPEAR

WEAK IN CONTRAST WITH FORTHRIGHT CONDEMNATION OF CCP GREETINGS
TO PKI BY INDONESIAN GOVT. END SUMMARY.

2. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL GOM PROTESTED AND SOUGHT CLARIFICATION FROM PRC EMBASSY HERE REGARDING MESSAGE FROM CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE CONGRATULATING MCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON ITS 45TH ANNIVERSARY. PRC AMBASSADOR WANG YU-PING PROFESSED TO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF MESSAGE AND SAID HE WOULD SEEK CLARIFICATION FROM PEKING. A WESTERN DIPLOMAT HERE HAS GIVEN US GIST OF GOM FOREIGN MINISTRY'S COMMENTS ON PRC REPLY TO ITS PROTEST. PRC AMBASSADOR REPORTEDLY CONVEYED HIS GOVERNMENT'S OPINION THAT "FRATERNAL GREETINGS" IN NO WAY CONSTITUTED A VIOLATION OF MALAYSIA'S SOVEREIGNTY AND OFFERED NO APOLOGY FOR MESSAGE. FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY-GENERAL TAN SRI ZAITON SAID IN REPLY THAT GOM WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED BY PRC ATTITUDE, THAT PRIME MINISTER RAZAK HAD BEEN PERSONALLY EMBARRASSED BY CCP MESSAGE, AND REPETITION OF THIS WOULD SEVERELY DAMAGE DEVELOPMENT OF GOM-PRC RELATIONS.

3. BEGIN NOFORN: WESTERN DIPLOMAT ALSO RELATED FOLLOWING REPORT WHICH HE CLAIMED CAME FROM BRITISH INTELLIGENCE SOURCE: AMBASSADOR WANG TOLD A MALAYSIAN CITIZEN DESCRIBED AS CLOSE TO THE PRC EMBASSY THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED PRIOR TO THE CCP MESSAGE, THAT HE HAD BEEN SURPRISED AT ITS STRENGTH, AND THAT IF HE HAD BEEN CONSULTED HE WOULD HAVE ADVISED AGAINST SUCH A STRONG MESSAGE. (IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT, IN ADDITION TO BEING ONE OF THE PRC'S MOST SENIOR DIPLOMATS, WANG HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CCP SINCE 1931. WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE SOURCE MISUNDERSTOOD WANG OR WANG DELIBERATELY MISLED HIM, THIS WOULD SEEM A HIGHLY UNUSUAL STATEMENT FOR A SENIOR CHINESE DIPLOMAT TO MAKE.) END NOFORN.

4. COMMENT: STRONG PRIVATE STAND TAKEN BY GOM CONTRACTS WITH ITS PUBLIC RETICENCE. THERE HAS BEEN A PRESS BLACKOUT ON CCP MESSAGE EXCEPT FOR ONE MENTION IN CHINESE-LANGUAGE PRESS REPORTED REFTEL; HOWEVER, STORY IS WELL KNOWN TO MALAYSIANS INTERESTED IN PRC RELATIONS. GOM HAS BEEN MADE TO APPEAR PUSILLANIMOUS, ESPECIALLY IN CONTRAST TO FORTHRIGHT STAND
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DEMNING SIMILAR CCP MESSAGE TO INDONESIAN COMMUNIST PARTY.
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